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inside

TED NOLAN DROPS IN

Perseverance and respect were the two messages he wanted to deliver. Ted Nolan. former Buffalo Sabres and New York Islanders hockey coach and now vice-president of operations with the Rochester Americans, lic School, the two are important,



SALUTE TO SOLDIERS

PelhamNEWS Staff

Veterans proudly stood at the town's three cenotaphs Sunday to remember those who fought and died defending freedom in armed conflicts past and present.

Members of the community both young and old joined them in the reverent observance to remember fallen beroes and to lay wreaths to honour their ultimate sacrifice. At the Fenwick cenotaph at Centennial Park, Pelham Centre cenotaph in Ridgeville and at the cenotaph in Peace Park in Town Square, Remembrance Day services were



MARK TAYTI Staff Photo

Spencer Heikkila plays bagpipes during Sunday's remembrance ceremony at Old Pelham Town Hall. beld a few days early for all those who may of the men who names are carved in the

not have been able to attend the Nov. 11 sercenotaph. Niagara West Glanbrook MP Dean Allison vices at Branch 613 of the Royal Canadian said he was grateful for the time to remem-ber fallen soldiers. He also took the time to Legion. The three services were almost identical in format and included opening prayer, the remember the Canadian soldiers now serv-

Dave Augustyn and other local dignitaries.

The service at Old Town Hall began with

prayers from Rev. Russ Myers, Branch 613

padre, who asked those in attendance to

remember the "commitment and sacrifice"

of men who fell for a great cause."

singing of the national anthem and words ing in Afghanistan. from local MP Dean Allison, Pelham Mayor The program included the laying of wreaths at the cenotaph, two minutes of The cenotaph is dedicated to the "memory silence and the opening and closing rituals

conducted by the legion. Assisting in the service was the 613th Lincoln and Welland Regiment Army Cadets.

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■ BREAKING HIS SILENCE: Fonthill's Dave Roland recalls his Second World War tour of duty

Memories linger

MAGGIF RIOPELLE

Tribune Staff

PELHAM - While Dave Roland wouldn't describe himself as a "warlike person," he couldn't just stand by and do nothing when the Second World War erupted. For 50 years, he said, he never

spoke a word about the war. When he came back to Canada. he went into his third year of university. "I wanted nothing more to do with war."

In two months, Roland will turn 90 — but his memories of the war are just as vivid as the days he stood on the battle grounds

"From the time I was 16, I knew there was going to be a war," he said, while sitting in his Fonthill home office. "I heard all the things Hitler was saving on the

Roland said while in his second vear of metallurgical engineering in university, in Toronto, he was compelled to do something and couldn't just sit back while the

world was at war 'I just couldn't stay in university and see the war going on. We knew the world was in trouble .. and a mad man was in charge of

Germany. Hitler was spewing propaganda speaking of the Arvan race in Germany as superior and "particularly the Jewish people, he went after them viciously.

"I'm not a warlike person, how ever, like many Canadians I volunteered (to serve) immediately." he said

Roland grew up in Beamsville and lived through the depression as a teenager. Many of bis classmates volunteered to fight in the war just to get three square meals.

Two of them died in Dieppe. "I joined up as a private soldier, but I was only a private for two days. When they found out I had two years of university, they said. "We'll make you a cadet.' I had this white arm band and off you go to officer's training.

He trained in Brockville for the winter. The weather was cold and most of the training was outside. Roland said while he nearly froze to death, he and others who survived the cold weather training

went on to the next step. "If you lived through it, you got promoted," he said, adding that then he went for signal training in Kingston and eventually got the job of working in a records office.

"I'd make up the documents for every person, put them in boxes and sbip them where they were drafted overseas."

Roland was not happy about not seeing the front line. "That wasn't the plan, ... Eventually, they sent me overseas after

He travelled from Halifax to England on the Queen Elizabeth I. with 16 troops in a cabin. After arriving, he saw the first British jet take to the air - the Hawker Hur-

I fussed a hit '

"Eventually I had a motorcycle school and I was teaching the signal core dispatch on the Nortons (motorcycles)."

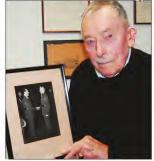
what veterans refer to as the Battle of the Nortons, he said. because they would do convoys at night without any headlights. The motorcycles would follow trucks in front of them that had a small light under the body of the truck, about the size of a small notepad. After a while riders would be so fixated on the light that when a truck would stop, they would slam into the back of it and be killed, he said.

"Night convoys were stupid to egin with," he said.

Roland did more training before he was sent to Italy, where he was the second echelon. The troops didn't have much fighting to do in Sicily, he said, but they did ride the train which had to stop every 15 miles to load up on wood to keep feeding the steam engine. One of his best friends was on that train

"Every time the train stopped. Italian kids would sell wine to the guys, I didn't drink back then, but everyone got plastered," he said, chuckling at the memory. "So, they had a wrestling match and my neighbour. Chuck, lost bis

spare teeth." The troops looked all over the place to find them, but the teeth ust couldn't be found. Then, three months later, Roland said he went to his small pack that he didn't use often. It held a respirator, and apparently another surprise - the teeth. His friend was also in the first division, so Roland went to find out where his



MAGGIE RIOPELLE Staff Photo

Dave Roland of Fonthill holds a photograph where he, shown on the left, had an opportunity to shake hands with one of the Second World War leaders. Viscount Alexander of Tunis

unit was and then return the teeth. "I went to deliver his teeth to

him ... he had died the day before." Travelling up the coast of Italy was a difficult, long battle, but Canadians had many victories which Roland attributed to being led by Lieut. Bernard Montgom-

ery.
"It was a tough fight. Everywhere we went the Germans were uphill looking down on us with

their guns. Canadians led the charge. It

was the Canadian first division against the German first para-

chute division, battle after battle. "It seemed like no matter where we were, the first parachute division would come down on us Roland said he talked to a German first major who was cap-

tured. The two talked about how their divisions continued to meet on the battlefield. "He said to me, 'You have wiped out my unit, five times over.' Can you imagine?"

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LEST WE FORGET: A tribute to heroes

Remembering









MARK TATT Staff Potor
Above, Adam Waskawich and Ricky Fernema stand guard at the town cenchaph at old Pelham Town Hall during a Remembrance
ceremony last Sunday. At Left, top, Second World War veteran Jim Summersides takes part in the observance, as do members of
Royal Canadian Legion Branch Bi3, pictured middle. At bottom, Saff-Sgt. Joe Garvey lays a wreath for the Niagara Regional
Policio Service.

Canadian Legion.

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perspective



What's in a name?

t's fascinating how we resist geographic name changes. In particular, we resent imposed

terms from above. As far as we're concerned, it's still Hwy. 20, no matter how insistent regional and provincial bureaucrats are about calling it Regional Rd. 20. And who calls it Regional Rd. 81 rather than old Hwy. 8? It's still South Pelham, even if the maps say Pelham

Regional government may be almost 40 years old but who uses West Lincoln when they are talking about Wellandport and Smithville? Or Lincoln when you mean Beamsville. Fonthill, Fenwick, Ridgeville, North Pelham, Effingham may technically not exist as municipalities. However, the region has given up trying to wipe them off local minds.

Bureaucrats in their mind-numbing style praise community and neighbourhood identification in their Smart Growth planning process. That awful term "active transporta-

tion" simply refers to walking, cycling or otherwise moving around on roads. sidewalks and trails. Your neighbourhood can now have a local name. The Pelham Communities in Bloom committee supported the local resis-

tance movement against name change. It created community heri-Indeed, it went one step further and revived earlier names such as Temperanceville, Diffins Corners and Beck-

ett's Mills. It's easy to understand those who grew up with a name continuing to

However, ingrained resistance continues over generations and among

newcomers See PERSPECTIVE | Page 5

comment

3: In the Orchard holds registrations for youth art programming



WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff photo Rock musician Priestan Ti demonstrates guitar to teenagers during registration for In the Orchard Programming for the Arts' after school arts program called "3" standing for three schools, three seasons, three programs. Ti, who has been in the music industry for 24 years, outlined to the young people areas of work available in industry including performing, writing, composing, designing, sound programing and producing. The after school program is held twice a week at The Happy Place Studio on Pelham St. in Fonthill.

With our hearts

t was a very gentle gesture that was so filled with meaning. Four children offered poppies to the veterans and members of the Royal

But these were very special poppies. You see, not only were they hand made, but they were constructed from four, cut-out hearts that were joined

This gift to our veterans was during a "Moment with the young" and part of a special Remembrance Day Service at Fonthill Baptist Church on Sunday.



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HST a real political hot potato

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During the course of the three-day conference held in Toronto, attendees were addressed by two leaders of provincial political parties -Tim Hudak of the Progressive Conservatives and Andrea Horwath of the New Democrats and also by the current minister of revenue, Tom Wilkinson. Believe me; it is unusual for politicians at this level of our

governmental hierarchy. regardless of political stripe, to be so concerned about maintaining favour with real estate agents

You may bave guessed by now what particular topic was the hot button issue of the week. Yes, it was indeed, the impending Harmonized Sales

The Ontario Real Estate Association is actively lobbying



in opposition to the implementation of HST because it is concerned that home sales will be negatively impacted when the cost of all real estate related services, including legal fees, commissions and home inspections, becomes subject to an additional 8% tax effective July 1, 2010.

The real estate industry is, therefore, a natural ally for Mr. Hudak and Ms. Horwath when our association is taking on this fight on behalf of our consumers.

Both leaders, in an unusual occurrence of ideological alignment, characterized the budget measure as an unfair tax grab and an assault on taxpayer's wallets.

They presented little in the way of recommended alternatives for dealing with the current shortage in provincial revenue or excess in operating expenses — depending, of course, on your particular point of view.

In meetings held with Liberal MPPs, we were presented with comments that the introduction of HST is uncomfortable politically but necessary from a complicated economic point of view that is difficult for the average consumer to understand

Any marketing professional knows that the key to any sales presentation is the ability to build rapport and connect in a meaningful way with your target audience. My recent experience at Queen's Park indicates to me that the general intelligence level of those of us who live within the unwashed masses is, by and large, sadly underestimated.

Cathy Berkhout-Bosse, H.B.A. is a local Real Estate Broker and Business Writer. You may read past columns at www.berkhouthosse.com/hlog.

The heart-poppies tied so beautifully with Rev. Russ Myers's theme for the service: "See with your heart what they saw with their eyes.

That's the point of Remembrance Day, isn't it?

Remembrance Day is the time for us empathize with and give thanks for those brave men and women who served, and who continue to serve,

our country during times of war, conflict and neace. Remembrance Day is about honouring their courage, their commitment, and their devotion to our com-

munity and to Canada. The men and women of the Canadian Forces in Afghanistan are fighting still, for the principles of peace

and justice. Indeed, it is right to remember their sacrifice and determination, too. On the cenotaphs in Fenwick, Ridgeville and Fontbill and on the bricks at the Veteran's Park, we can read the

names of some of those from Pelham that were killed in battle or who acted in our service It is right for us to remember those

who served from Pelham. They gave their lives for us.

They gave their lives for our chil-They gave their lives for future gen-

erations vet to come. They gave their futures so that our future might be one of peace. The gentle action of the children

during the special Remembrance Day service calls us to engrave their names and their sacrifices not only on cenotaphs or bricks but also on our hearts. The freedoms that so many of us

might take for granted - to express ourselves, to participate in cultural, religious, and political activities, to come and go as we please, to pursue a safe and happy life - are all due to the sacrifices of veterans and those who today follow in their footsteps.

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■ PERSPECTIVE

Resistance has history Never forget

FROM PAGE 4

Arrivals to Pelham quickly refer to themselves as living in Fenwick, Fonthill or Effingham. It simply makes sense. It helps them feel like they belong.

The resistance movement has a long history. In the 1790s, Lt.-Gov. John Graves Simcoe changed names in Ontario to those from his

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neighbourhood in eastern England. That's how we got Lincoln, Welland, Pelham. Grimsby and so forth. He even changed the name of the Niagara Penin-

sula's major inland waterway to the Welland River. However, to this day many still use its original name, Chippawa Creek, or "the Crick" for short.

■ AUGUSTYN

FROM PAGE 4 And so, it is hoped that on this Remembrance Day 2009, we all gave thanks

Let us rededicate ourselves to And let us never forget.

You may contact Mayor Dave Augustyn at mayordaye@pelham.ca or read past columns at www.pelhammayordave.blogspot.com.

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■ OLYMPIC TORCH RUN: Residents encouraged to dress for the Dec. 21 occasion

The town's red letter day

WAYNE CAMPBELL PelhamNEWS Staff

Ward 3 Coun. John Durley hopes to see red on Dec. 21. He's part of a committee organizing a greeting for the Olympic

Torch bearers running through the town on Monday, Dec. 21. The torch is expected to arrive around 1 p.m. on a loop from Welland and on to Dunnville.

"We're encouraging everyone to wear red and bring their Canadian flags if they have any left from Canada Day," he said. The celebration will include a greeting of torchbearers by the E. L. Crossley Marching Band,

street and a party with a concert at the Fonthill bandshell until 3 p.m. The bandshell committee and Pelham Business Association are expected to be involved. The Trebelaires and school choirs will

perform The exact route of the torch run through the town is secret for the

"It's for security reasons, but we should know a week or two

before," Durley said. He is encouraging those who have been selected as torch bearers to get in touch with the organizing committee. They can contact him or Pelham community

cheering residents lining the services manager Vickie vanRa-

The national group organizing the run are not releasing names of runners under a privacy policy. It's up to the torch bearers to make themselves known. The Pelham committee wants to feature runners and possibly have them take part in the annual Santa Claus parade in Fenwick on

Saturday, Dec. 12. The town will have a float in the parade promoting the torch celebration. Durley said Ward 2 Coun. Sharon Cook is trying to get in touch with Pelham athletes who have had experience in international competition.

"It doesn't have to be just winter sports," Durley said. "We've had many international athletes from the town, in rowing for example.

They will be featured in the Dec. 12 parade and on Dec. 21

The town is selling official 2010 Olympics mitts at town hall for \$12. Proceeds will go to athletes and finance the run celebration. You can wave your red hands. "You never know what the

weather will be like so we won't prolong the celebration," he said. A sea of red lining the streets with people cheering the Olympic torch will raise the profile of

WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo

Vickie vanRavenswaay, manager of community services, and Ward 3 Coun. John Durley wear Olympic 2010 mitts on sale at the Pelham town hall.

Pelham, he said. "It will be a good time for every-

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■ CHANGE OF PLANS: Municipal office building makeover growing wide — not tall

Second-floor town hall addition scrubbed for northern expansion, new council chambers

WAYNE CAMPRELL

PelhamNFWS Staff The town has scrapped a plan

to extend the second floor of town In its place it will put an addition on the north side of the building stretching it to the municipal parking lot and eliminating an exit driveway.

The additionwill include a larger council chamber and committee room, and will cost \$380,000 - an increase of \$140,000 from the original proj-

The project has secured \$160,000 from the federal government to help finance the original project, which involved three new offices and a meeting room for

the second floor. The new project will replace and update the council chambers while the three new offices and

conference room will go where the present council chamber is The town's chief administrative officer Martin Yamich said the new arrangement will be more accessible than second floor offices

It will provide a symmetrical design to the whole building, he

The elimination of the the exit lane from the back parking lot will improve safety "It is a dangerous place to pull When the addition is complete, traffic will be required to exit

through the existing side parking

The new council chamber could be equipped with audiovisual equipment and computer terminals for council members, The project will have to be completed by March 2010 to

qualify for federal grants, said Yamich. wcampbell@wellandtribune.ca



Fonthill Lions Club recently presented prizes to winners in its annual Super Draw, From left, zone chair Doug Gaylor, Lion Wes MacKinnon, trip winners Peter and Eva Eva Longhurst, and Lion chief Robert Yungblut.



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out from," he said.





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6 thsp unsalted butter, plus more for baking dish Coarse salt and ground pepper 1 lb. elbow macaroni 1/4 cup all-purpose flour

1 ten dou mustard nawder

4 cups whole milk 1 cup sharp white cheddar cheese, coarsely grated 1 cup Havarti cheese.

coarsely grated 1 cup Fontina cheese. coarsely grated

1 tsp Worcestershire sauce 6 slices white sandwich bread, crumbled in a food processor

Prohost own to 400 degrees. Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil.

Butter a 9" x 13" shallow baking pan and set aside Once water is boiling, add dried pasta and cook until 2 minutes short of al dente

Remember your pasta will cook more in the oven White pasta is cooking. melt butter in a large saucepan over medium. Transfer 2 tablespoons

melted butter to a small bowl; set aside for topping. Add flour and mustard powder to remaining butter in saucepan. Cook, whisk ing, 1 minute (do not let flour darken). Whisk in milk. Bring to a boil; reduce heat to medium-low, and

simmer until sauce is thickened, about 3 minutes

> Remove sauce from heat. Gradually whisk in cheeses; add Worcestershire sauce. and season generously with salt and pepper. Add sauce to pasta, and toss to comine; transfer to prepared baking dish.

> Add reserved melted butter to breadcrumbs and mix just to combine. Scatter crumbs over pasta in baking dish. Place dish on a rimmed baking sheet, and bake until topping is golden and sauce is bubbling, 15 to 20 minutes, Cool 5 minutes before serving.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #3

NIAGARA TO GTA CORRIDOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT STUDY PHASE 1

The public is invited to ettend the third round of Public Information Centres (PICs) to review and comment on the transportation alternatives under consideration in the Niagara to GTA (NGTA) corridor Study team members will be available to answer questions and receive comments. PIC #3 will be held on:

iday November 24, 2009 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Royal Canadian Legion Upstairs Hall 383 Morningstar Avenue, Wellenr Thursday November 26, 2009 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Ancaster Fairgrounds Morritt Hall AGO Trinity Road, Jerseyville

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Information to be presented at the PICs will be evallable on the study website beginning on November 24, 2009. Comments may also be submitted via the study website at: www.niegara-gta.com THE STUDY

hase 1 of the Planning and Environmental Assessment (EA) Study for the NGTA Corridor, initiated by the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO), will support the transportation objectives of the provincial Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe by providing for the efficient movement of people and goods within the comidor.

. Develop a Study Plan (PIC #1):

Phase 1 of this study includes the following key staps Identify transportation problems end opportunities (PIC #2);

 Identify and assess transportation alternatives that address the identified problems and opportunities (PIC #3); and Select preferred transportation alternative(s) and recommend a multi-modal Transportation Development Strategy for future work (DIC #4)

Since the last round of Public Information Centres (PICs #2), the following has been complated: The Oraft Area Transportation System Problems and Opportunities Report was made available for public

review in July 2009 . Consultation with Mun palities end Advisory Groups regarding the generation of alternatives and the process for assessing alternatives:

 Development of Individual Transportation System Alternatives and Draft Discussion Papers for each Transportation Mode;

 Development of Combination Transportation Alternatives; and sment of the Individual and Combination Alternatives

The Niagara to GTA Corridor Planning and EA study is being undertaken in accordance with the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act (EA Act) and the Nisgera to GTA Comdor Environmental Assessment Terms of Peferance, which was epproved by the Minister of the Environment in June 2006. COMMENTS

Comments and information regarding this study will be collected to assist the MTO. This material will be meintained on file for use during the project and may be included in project documentation to meet the requirements of the EA Act ation collected will be used in eccordence with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and the Access to Information Act. With the exception of personal information (e.g., name and address), all comments will become part of the public record.

For further information, or to be added to the mailing list for this study, please visit the study website or contact: Mr. Paul Hudspith, P.Eng.

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COFEE TIME: Cafe on Main opening in Fonthill

New business brewing on Pelham St.

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Patti Fagan celebrated the third anniversary of The Cafe on Main on the first of the month by putting a sign on the door of her second site

By the end of November, the former de la Terre Bakery on Pelham St. in downtown Fonthill will open as The Cafe on Main. It will follow a laid-back format

It will follow a laid-back format of couches, easy chairs, coffee tables with art on the walls and music in the evenings that can be found at the original cafe on East Main St. in Welland, said Fegan.

Main St. in Welland, said Fegan.
"Branding is important," she
said. "We didn't want to move
away from what it took us three
years to develop."

Fagan opened the Welland site in her hometown. She grew up on State St., a few hlocks from downtown. In the process she turned the cafe into an award-winning new business. A popular spot for soup and sandwiches.

The Pelham St. site will be near her current home. "I've lived in Fonthill since 1986 and my girls were raised here,"

she said.

The new cafe is close to her local suppliers. She gets her coffee from Select Coffee in Fonthill and Fenwick Village Roasters while

Indulgence Bakery supplies pastries.
She said she will be a regular at the Thursday evening Pelham Farmers' Market next summer as she is at the Saturday Welland Farmers' Market. That's where she buys eggs and vegetables for

sandwiches and soups.
The Fonthill site with a capacity
to seat 52 people is larger than the
Welland cafe, which seats 30.
The Fonthill cafe will have a

larger kitchen and bigger storage area in the hasement. "And I will have an office," she said with a smile. It beats a desk in the corner.

The larger kitchen will help Fagan's expanding catering service. She has had an increasing number of requests to supply business meetings and small receptions. She sees larger events in the future.

The new cafe will have a liquor licence and Fagan is considering specialty breakfasts on the week-

"Keith's Restaurant does a fine job with regular breakfasts," she said. "We will be looking at something different."

Fagan said she has had encouragement from people around

town.
With the closing of a downtown
Tim Hortons when the franchise
owner retired and then the de la
Terre's cafe, which moved to Lincoin, Fonthill has had a bit of a
coffee drought

coffee drought.
Fagan said it provides a niche to fill.
"We're not looking at taking away anything," she said about competing with other Fonthill restaurants. "We're looking at adding another level, to enhance

the natural action in the same a

WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo
Paul and Patti Fagan will have the former de la Terre Bakery on Pelham St. in

downtown Fonthill. We're coming in with a co-operative spirit."
Fagan said she will split time between the two cafes and is in a Over the next couple of weeks.

they will set up the new cafe to have it open in time for the Pelham Business Association's Christmas in Pelham weekend at the end of November.

"We just want to get brewing some coffee," she said looking over the bright inside of the next Cafe on Main.

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team-building process with a staff

of about five between the two

cafes. For the former secretary at

Notre Dame College School and her husband Paul Pagan, a retired

high school teacher, the past

three years have been an adven-

ture in planning, developing and running a new business.

spiral," she said.

"Our learning curve was a

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ART: Exhibit anchored by St. Johns' seasons

Painter has love for detail

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PelhamNEWS Staff Toye Chanpen Hayes uses a multi-season look at St. Johns Conservation Area to anchor her exhibit at

Keith's Restaurant. The Thailand-born Pelham artist's work is now on display at the restaurant at Pelham St. and Regional Rd. 20 through November

and December She will hold a reception Sunday from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 nm "It's a romantic place," she said about the conser-

vation area as well as a relaxing area for year-round exercise

She built the acrylic paintings from sketches and photographs adding

some colour to the sometimes-stark winter scenes. Other paintings in the exhibition come from ber

fascination with various cultures. A schoolgirl in Thai classical dance costume sits

beside a river. Haves said she took a photo of her in a mall but added the river and temples to the scene.

Another painting catches a Korean dancer in movement while a third draws on a Sari Lanka scene. A group of paintings show folded lotus flowers.

She said she is attracted to colour when she paints. One of an aquarium at the Toronto zoo drew on a fascination with the colour of the fish. Colour is similarly

Haves said she was always interested in art, but didn't seriously start studying it until she came to Canada

in 2006. It included lessons from James Kerr and Beverley Sneath and workshops with the Pelham Art Association. The former English teacher illus-

trated he first bilingual - Thai and English — children's book. "At the moment I practice my painting with what comes up around me."

she said. While most of her work is in acrylic, she wants to explore watercolor. "I would like people to see some-

thing different, something more than what we are doing at the moment." She has had previous shows at the Pelham Public Library and partici-

pated in group shows at the Pen Centre and the Pelham Art Festival. Hayes does her painting when her six-year-old son is at school at E. W. Farr and her husband is at work.

"I need time, continuity to do the work," she said about her pattern of painting and a love of details. Patricia Crick, who organizes the shows, said this exhibition will mark

the fifth year of the Keith's Restaurant art gallery program. Paintings are displayed around the dining room.

"We've had more than 30 artists." she said. "I like to see the arts flourish in the community by giving them more

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Brandon Griffin. Mary-Jane Wishart and Sarah Kerr of the InterAct Club at E.L. Crosslev Secondary School deliver boxes of food to Ken Angle of Pelham Cares. The estimated tonne of non-perishible food items in about 70 boxes were collected by about 55 students during a Halloween food drive. They covered 11 routes throughout

Staff Photo

localbrief

UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN NOT WELL Things are "not going well" five weeks into the United Way of South Niagara's 2009

fundraising campaign The loss of payroll donations at John Deere, belt-tightening at places such as Henninges Automotive and a bleeding of corporate support across south Niagara is taking a definite toll on a campaign that is called upon each year to do the "heavy lifting" where social agency funding is con-

"It's not going well," United Way executive director Peter Papp said last week. "We're definitely lagging behind," he said.
"I won't sugar coat it. This is the toughest year that we have ever seen on the cam-

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H1N1: Clinic held at fire hall

Pelham gets its shots

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Amanda Brown was relieved she timed her visit well to Niagara public

health's H1N1 clinic. She feared she would have to wait in the cold with four young children outside Pelham of Fire Station No. 1.

"I didn't have to wait at all," she said as she comforted her son Auldin after he received his vaccination A couple of minutes after the event,

he was fine as was his younger sister who proceeded him. She too reacted to the prick of the needle. By mid afternoon last Thursday, the two dozen nurses, clerks and security

assistants had a steady flow of people moving through the clinic. Although originally intended for

everyone, last week it was switched to priority groups only. A shortage of available vaccine led

to a decision to limit it to priority groups - pregnant women, children aged six months to six years, emergency personnel, frontline health care workers, people who work with poultry or swine, people under age 65 with chronic medical conditions and the caregivers of children under six months old. The switch caught some visitors by surprise. Seniors for example were turned away.

A flashing sign guided drivers coming down Regional Rd. 20 away from the fire hall to an alternate parking lot at Lookout Point Golf Course. From there a shuttle bus provided rides every 20 minutes to and from the fire hall Mary Ferreira, who was receiving

the vaccine because she has an asthmatic in the family, said it made sense to get it and she came straight Pelham was one of three clinics



WAYNE CAMPRELL Staff Photo Mary Ferreira receives an H1N1 vaccine injection from nurse Wendy Davies during a clinic for priority recipients at the Fonthill fire hall last Thursday.

regional headquarters in Thorold. For information on locations and time for future clinics see the region's

website at www.niagararegion.ca Dr. Jessica Hopkins, a physician with Niagara public health, said there seemed to be enough of the vaccine to supply the clinics for last week.

The opening of general clinics for non-priority groups will depend on the arrival of more. "We have to wait for the federal gov-

ernment to send it to the province who send it to us," she said About 22% of the region's 427,400

people would fall into priority groups, she said. If seasonal flu clinics are any indi-

cation, about half of those chose to receive the vaccine So far there have been 150 cases of

H1N1 in the region including one death in the most recent wave, said Honkins, Unlike normal seasonal flu. those getting it tend to be younger



CARING: Investing in community



Gall Hilyer, president of Pelham Cares, receives a \$500 cheque from Dawn Butler of the Fonthill RBC branch. For the past few years Butler has received an RBC community grant which she donates to the community service agency. She also co-ordinates the annual Pelham Food Drive, which this year is on Saturday, Dec. 5.



Sharon Pazzaglia, project development coordinator and child assault prevention facilitator, receives a cheque from Kevin Twomey, representing Fonthill and District Kinsmen. The centre provides counselling and advocacy to sexual assault victims and their families, and crisis intervention with a 24-hour crisis line



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Panthers open major atom boys hoops season

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The Pelham Panthers major atom boys basketball team opened the 2009-10 season Nov. 1 on a positive note by defeating the Welland Warriors 36-26.

Pelham came out flying in the first quarter starting with a nice reverse lay-up off the opening tip by Tyler Grummett

Throughout the game, Pelham played good team basketball — and it showed

with nine of 11 players hit- Naar and Chris Fairman ting the score sheet. Leading Pelham with seven points was Kyle Cooper, followed by Tyler Grummett (6) and Bailey Moreau (5). Ben Kalchman, Jared

each chipped in four points while Gabriel Marais, Jacob Dottori and Owen Gallagher had two points each.

Mackenzie Bronn and Jordan Pisano both showed tremendous hustle and grit against a tough Welland defense. Next up for the Panthers

is a matchup against the highly-touted Niagara Falls Red Raiders. The teams tip off on Sunday.







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WAR STORY

'For 50 years after the war, I never talked about the war'

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Many of the Canadian soldiers had malaria and jaundice — Roland had both — but they just took pills and kept going. Little by little, the Canadians continued to take more ground. There were many cassulties before Canadian Col. Jim Stone developed a new way of fighting to help soldiers to take on the

Germans, called mouseholing.
"It was used in the battle of
Ortona. The Germans had every
alley and street covered by gunfire. No matter where you were
the Germans were looking at you
with a gun."

So, the soldiers blew holes in housewould move into the house, then blow through the next one and then the next one — mouse-holing

"Ortona is a major Canadian victory where we battled against terrible odds," he said. Roland was attempting to lay down cable to ensure communications weren't cut off. It was risky, but Roland had a job to do. "A German saw me and

dropped a mortar bomb on me," he said. Shrapnel went through his back in through bis left side, through his lungs and into his ribs on his

right side. A field surgical unit was able to provide immediate care. When Roland was back in serice, the next major battle was of Monte Cassino, which included a series of battles. In one, many soldiers were lost. After the fighting ended, three of four days later troops went back to locate all the bodies and bury them.

"Then we marched across the No. 6 Highway straight north to Rome," he said.

"The Germans were always in the mountains ... every 10 miles or so, all the way to Rome. We were so tired sometimes, we

walking to the ditch, they would lie down in the middle of the street to go to sleep.

"Before we got to Rome, our orders were not to go into Rome because the Americans wanted to go in ... they wanted all the glory. And our general said, 'Go ahead

and do it.—we don't need it."

The coasts, littered with resorts and umbrellas on the beaches as far as the eye could see, were once the battle grounds were troops forged ahead, he said. Florence was virtually untouched by the Germans, he said. Soldiers 'didn't have the heart' to destroy the Ponte Vecchio bridge and while they fought, they did it 'halfbeart-

edly."
While on a few days' leave in Florence, Roland spent a few nights in a hotel enjoying showers and champagne "which we hadn't seen before." Eventually, the troops made their way to Holland. Germans were on the west.

rounded, more or less," he said.
"We attacked the Germans from
the east. There was a lot of fighting there. My best friend ... Don
MacKenzie was killed two days

before the end of the war."
When the war ended, Roland
stayed in Holland all summer.
Many of the Dutch there had
been starved by the Germans.
Some, even after the battle was
won, died because they were
unable to recover. During
summer, Roland was part of a
field court marshal of four officers. "I was a member of that
sure wasn't much fur."

wasn't much nm.
When be returned to Canada,
he enrolled back into university
for his third year of engineering.
"For 50 years after the war, II
never talked about war, my kids

never knew nothing. I kept it that way purposely."

Asked why he felt it was important to share now, Roland, after pausing for a minute, said he's

Supplied photo Wartime Dave Roland.

hopeful the Second World War was the last world war because no one else should ever have to live such a moment in history. "It may be the one ... the last one I hope. It's the longest we've gone without (a world) war — 64 years. I hope it stays that way."

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ROTARY: Fonthill club welcomes new member



Supplied photo The Rotary Club of Fonthill recently welcomed Diane Marcoux, centre, into membership of the community service club. Annie Holbity, loft, current president, and Hugh Graham, past assistant district governor, shared duties introducing Marcoux to the club during a recent breakfast meeting at the Wildflower Market and Restaurant.



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COACHING: NHL star Ted Nolan visits St. Alexander school

Pressing perseverance

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Perseverance and respect were the two messages he wanted to deliver.

Ted Nolan, former Buffalo Sabres and New York Islanders hockey coach and now toe-president of operations with the Rochester Americans, said before he spoke at St. Alexander Catbolic School the two are important.

Usually he speaks at aboriginal schools on reserves such as the one of 400 people he grew up on near Sault Ste Marie. However, the lessons are the same "whether you're in downtown Fonthill or

Garden River," he said.

The difference is young aboriginal people have further to go, he said. They are often living in Third World conditions.

often living in Third World conditions. Nolan outlined the way he grew up to the St. Alexander senior students. He was one of 12 children in a family

living in a home without electricity until he was age 10 or an indoor washroom before he was 17.

He said he was laughed at because went to school in the same jeans all year. He and his brother shared hockey equipment when they played and were heckled for it.

Nolan cautioned Grade 7 and 8 students not to fall under the influence of a peer pressure that encourages disrespect for other people.

"It's so mean and so cruel to laugh at others because they are poor," he said. "Having respect is so important. Everyone is important."

Perseverance is the key to success.
"If you want something in life you have to persevere to get it," Nolan said. "If you persevere you can get anything you want."
He said he made a key decision in his life when he was 16 and playing junior hockey

in Kenora.

It was his first time away from bome. He was the only aboriginal player on a team of city kids. He was treated so bad by the other players he cried himself to sleep.

Nolan said his brothers came to visit him and suggested he come home. However, he chose stick it out for a year.

His success as a player that season eventually led to the National Hockey League. Had he left the Kenora team, his life would have changed.

Nolan said it's too easy to quit and when you do it once, it can become a habit.

He believes everytbing bappens for a reason. "The Creator or God has something in mind." said Nolan.

His NHL playing career of 78 games began at age 23 and ended at 26 when a defenceman hit him with a heavy check as he started on what looked like a breakaway. The check damaged three vertebrae in his back. He couldn't play any longer.

In 1988, he was offered a job as an assistant coach with the Sault Ste Marie Greybounds. He became the coach when the head coach was fired. Nolan in his mid 20s led the team to last place finishes over two

seasons.
"I don't like it when people tell me I can't do something," he said about his response to a newspaper column suggesting he didn't know how to coach.

He contacted six or seven top coaches. Talked to them. Listened to what he had to say. And then developed a coaching style that led to three Ontario junior champion-

that led to three Ontario junior championships and a 1993 Memorial Cup. Nolan fielded questions from the St.

Alexander students.

His favourite team when growing up was the Chicago Blackhawks "because it had an Indian head on its jerseys."

Indian head on its jerseys."

As a coach, he loved it in Buffalo both because of the players and the city.

His favourite coaching experience, he said was with the 2005-2006 Moncton

was with the 2005-2006 whorldn't Wildcats in the Quebec junior league.

Despite being unfamiliar with the league, out of coaching for a while and unable to speak French, he directed the team to a 52-15 record and within a couple of goals

of a Memorial Cup. Coaching NHL players is particularly dif-



WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo Former Buffalo Sabres star Ted Nolan signs a Ted Nolan Foundation hockey stick for C.J. Campbell and Madi Campbell who arranged for him to speak at St. Alexander Catholic School.

ficult, he said in answer to another questions.

They have lots of money. They are the best players in the world and they were

coached by the best coaches in the world.

It is difficult to persuade them to change the way they play, he said.

What number did he wear?

What number did he wear?

"I wore many numbers," when he played
for Detroit and Pittsburgh as well as in the
minor and junior leagues.

His favourite number was 11 because it was worn by one of his favourite players Gilbert Perrault of Buffalo. His other favourite was Bobby Orr.

rite was Bobby Orr.

His two sons Brandon and Jordan play or
will play in the NHL. A student asked if he
encouraged them.

Nolan said he didn't but understood their interest because they spent their lives listening to hockey talk and growing up around rinks.

*Lactually would have preferred they did

"I actually would have preferred they did something else, sports is really a tough He said he still live on the Garden River Ojibwa First Nation Reserve. He built a bouse on land he hunted and trapped on

when he was growing up.

Nolan heads the Ted Nolan Foundation dedicated to his mother who inspired him to learn. She died in a car accident. It

dedicated to his mother who inspired him to learn. She died in a car accident. It develops programs for young people in First Nation communities to improve education and leadership skills.

At St. Alexander's, Kim Hansell and Cameron Campbell of Pelham, who are founda-

tion members sold small hockey sticks made by Sherbrooke and signed by Nolan for \$10. It is the foundation's main fundraising effort. Nolan was asked if he ever won against

Nolan was asked if he ever won against the Maple Leafs.

"Who doesn't win against the Maple Leafs?" as laughed echoed through the gym.

gym.

Later he admitted, he would like to coach Toronto some day.

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It started out as an idea to send a message to a cousin serving in Afghanistan.

Brock Bowman, a Grade 11 student at Welland Centennial Secondary School, and his sister Lauren Bowman of Ecole du Sacre-Coeur wanted to show his cousin Sgt. Chris Neilson, serving his third rotation in Afghanistan, he had support back home.

Brock suggested sending a banner from his high school in time for Remembrance Day

Over three weeks, the project exploded.

Other schools asked to participate, said Lea Ann Bowman, Brock's mother and a teacher at E.L. Crossley Secondary School in Fonthill Soon 17 schools jumped in filling

the banner with signatures, messages poems and pictures. Even kindergarten students signed. "I'm sure we could have gone fur-

ther if we had more time and space," said Brock. Last summer Brock received the

Vimy Foundation Scholarship, which allowed him to travel to England. France and Belgium to visit battle sites and talk to military experts. "We were at Dieppe for the 65th anniversary," he said while mention-

ing the sadness of seeing war ceme-He knew his own family had a long military history including service with

the Lincoln and Welland Regiment. "What began as a personal idea to let a relative know that his family is proud of his efforts and accomplishments caught fire with the interest and efforts of many elementary and secondary school teachers and the staff from the caretakers to the teachers, to the administration, all were touched and all wanted to contribute thus the Banner for Hope and Support for our men and women who serve

was born," he said in a speech during the banner presentation. Brock, with representatives from the schools, gave the banner to Maj. Allan Stoyka and Capt. Derek Christianson, of the Lincoln and Welland Regiment, and Second World War veteran Jim Summersides of Branch 613 Royal Canadian Legion.

The ceremony was held in the E.L. Crossley Secondary School library. The local regiment will assist in sending the banner to Afghanistan.

Stovka thanked the students and said soldiers will appreciate the hanner. Support for the Canadian military

has increased in the past five or six vears, he said. Canada has a long history of mili-

tary service with two million citizens serving in the Armed Forces since Confederation and at a cost of 110,000 lives, Stoyka said. The major explained Canadian sol-

diers are all volunteers aware that they will face challenges and risks.

The local regiment has a dozen soldiers, including four from the Welland troop, preparing to go to Afghanistan in the new year.

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WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo

In the photo above, in the middle, are Bryan Southwell of A.K. Wigg elementary school, Brock Bowman of Welland Centennial Secondary School, Capt. Derek Christianson of the Lincoln and Welland Regiment, Jim Summersides of Branch 613 Royal Canadian Legion, Second World War veteran Maj. Allan Stoyka of the Lincoln and Welland Regiment, District School Board of Niagara trustee Gary Atamanyk and Lauren Bowman of Ecole du Sacre Coeur. Flanking them are representatives of the schools who signed the banner and members of the 613 Lincoln and Welland Regiment army cadets.

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Many schools jump on board to show appreciation

Summersides praised the banner effort as he watched students sign at Glynn A. Green. He knew from his experience in

the Second World War how much it will be appreciated in Afghanistan as a message from home. District School Board of Niagara trustee Gary Atamanyk said

such a project initiated by students inspires parents, staff and Elementary schools also involved in the project were: A.K.

Wigg, Glynn A. Green and Pelham Centre in Pelham; Ecole du Sacre-Coeur, Gordon, Fitch Street. Empire, Glendale, Plymouth, Crowland, Ross, Princess Elizabeth, Quaker Road and Mathews in Welland and Gainsborough in West Lincoln.

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The Pelham community is in the process of becoming a fully connected online neighbourhood called MyPelham.com.

For both Pelham residents and visitors alike, the developers of MyPelham. com aim to make the web portal a one stop source for all aspects relating to life, work and entertainment in the Town of Pelham. MyPelham.com is a joint MyPelham.com is a joint

myyeinam.com is a joint venture project of l'îger Eye Solutions, a boutique marketing company operated by Pelham-based real estate broker Cathy Berkhout-Bosse, and local web designer Melissa Wells, owner of Ex Nihilo Web Designs.

The website will include many special features—parents will be able to register their children for sports or art camps or girl guides with a click of a mouse.

Local events such as

bandshell concerts, turkey raffles, trivia nights, dances and golf tournaments will be posted on the all-inclusive, consolidated MyPel-ham.com community calendar with listings updated on a continual basis.

Social agencies will be

provided with free web pages on which to promote their services and events and also connect with potential volunteers on-

The joint venture team anticipates that as more and more organizations and community groups begin to share content, the site will attract a growing user base and local businesses will in turn benefit by having the opportunity to cost-effectively advertise their services and sales events to a loyal target market audience.

Berkhout-Bosse explains, Recently, in my role as director of the Pelham Business Association Think Local-Shop Pelham campalgn, I obtained shopping survey feedback indicating that improved marketing would influence consumers to shop in Pelham more often. In particular, the importance of both

increasing shopper's knowledge of the product and service offerings available in Pelham and raising the general awareness of local sales, promotions and specials was clearly identified. Berkhout-Bosse and Wells have already secured advertising support from a number of local businesses and recently presented a

participation proposal to the Town of Pelham that will be considered as part of 2010 budget deliberations. The team is hopeful that it will soon attract the interest of one major sponsor so that it can get MyPelham. com fully functional before

the new year.

"We are not simply creating a website", Berkhout-Bosse says.

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"We are establishing a social enterprise that will provide long term economic development and tourism benefit to our town while also generating sufficient advertising revenue to be a self-sustaining entity that limits the potential tax burden of town promotion."

The MyPelham.com development team invites Pelham residents to visit the website and monitor its progress by registering to receive a weekly update newsletter.

Community groups may submit notices of upcoming public events to be published on the website and included in future MyPelham.com newsletters via editor⁶ mypelham.com. Contact: Cathy Berkhout-Bosse at 905-892-8920 or by cellphone at 905-898-8293.